

BINDING YOUR QUILT FACS CONFERENCE

CUTTING BINDING STRIPS

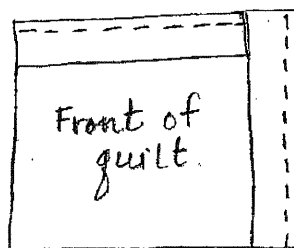
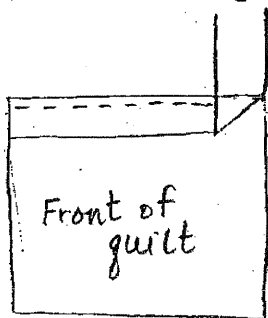
- * Cut 2-1/4" strips for binding on quilts with thin batting
- * Cut 2-1/2" strips for binding on quilts with thicker batting
- * Cut enough binding to go around the perimeter of the quilt plus 12 - 18".
- * Cut bias binding if your quilt edge is curved or if you want a special effect from your fabric being cut on the diagonal.

FORMING BINDING STRIP

- * Place two strips right side together (RST) and sew diagonally.
- * Cut off additional fabric
- * Press seams open
- * Fold the strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press.

ATTACHING THE BINDING

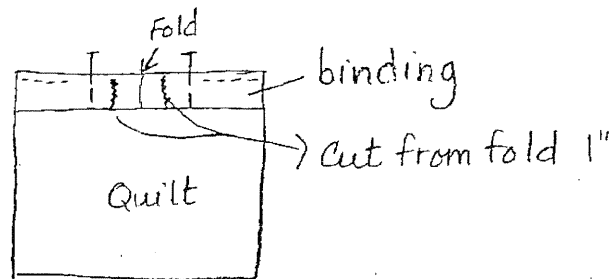
- * You can begin binding anywhere along the edge of the quilt except in a corner. **Helpful hint: After you have selected a starting point, run the binding strip around the edge of the quilt to make certain that a seam does not fall into a corner. If it does, readjust your starting point.
- * Line up the raw edge of the strip with the raw edge of the quilt top.
- * Leaving a 6 - 8" tail, stitch the binding to the quilt with a 1/4" seam allowance. Stitch up to the seam line in the corner. Take a few backstitches. Remove the quilt from your sewing machine.
- * Diagonally fold the binding strip away from the quilt.



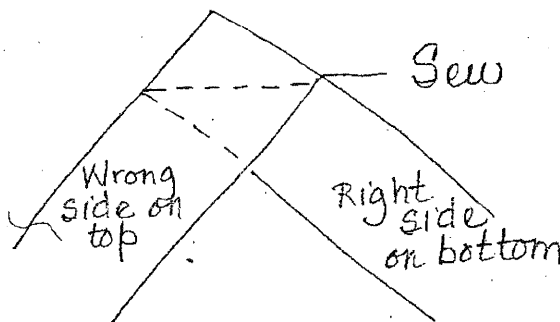
- * Fold the binding straight down, even with the edge of the quilt. Stitch. Continue and finish all sides and corners in the same manner. When you are within 10 - 12" of your starting point backstitch and remove the quilt

from your machine.

* Pin the binding to the remaining edge of the quilt, making sure to center the beginning, ending spot. Fold the tails back and mark 1" on each beginning and ending tail. Cut the excess fabric off and unpin the unstitched binding.



* The tails are placed at right angles RST and stitched diagonally. (I like to draw a line so that my sewing is straight.) Leave a 1/4" seam allowance by cutting any additional fabric off. Press the seam open. You are now ready to attach the remaining 10 -12" of binding.



STITCHING TO THE BACK

*Fold the binding to the back, over the raw edges of the quilt; the folded edge of the binding should just cover the machine-stitching line. Blindstitch the binding in place, making sure your stitches do not go through to the front of the quilt. At the corners, fold the binding to form miters on the front and back of the quilt; stitch down the folds in the miters.

